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S. RES. 116

Deploring the bombing of the United States Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon, and expressing the sorrow and condolences of the Senate on the death and wounding of those caught in the bombing, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 20 (legislative day, APRIL 18), 1983

Mr. GOLDWATER (for himself, Mr. HUDDLESTON, Mr. DURENBERGER, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. BAKER, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. HELMS, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. ABDNOR, Mr. DIXON, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. PELL, Mr. FORD, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. STENNIS, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. NUNN, Mr. COHEN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. QUAYLE, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. HEINZ, Mr. BRADLEY, Mr. BOSCHWITZ, Mr. INOUE, Mr. MITCHELL, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. GARN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. DENTON, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. GORTON, Mr. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. SASSER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

APRIL 26, 1983

Reported by Mr. PERCY, with amendments

APRIL 27 (legislative day, APRIL 26), 1983

Considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Deploring the bombing of the United States Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon, and expressing the sorrow and condolences of the Senate on the death and wounding of those caught in the bombing, and for other purposes.

Whereas on April 18, 1983, the United States Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon, was the target of a brutal and cowardly

terrorist attack, which resulted in scores of dead and wounded, including the death of many Americans, most of whom were employed by the United States Government;

Whereas many Lebanese citizens were also killed and wounded, many of whom were employed by the United States Embassy in Beirut;

Whereas the members of the American Foreign Service, including people assigned from the diplomatic, military, intelligence, and other communities, are often exposed to extremely hazardous conditions in the performance of their duties;

Whereas the members of such communities assigned to Lebanon were dedicated to and worked for the pursuit of peace in the Middle East;

Whereas the American people have been extraordinarily patient in supporting their Government's peace initiatives in Lebanon; and

Whereas this is one of those critical moments in the history of the United States when the American people are united in their grief and must be united in their resolve: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) deplores the brutal and cowardly bombing of
3 the United States Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon, on
4 April 18, 1983, which resulted in scores of dead and
5 wounded, including the death of many Americans, most
6 of whom were employed by the United States Govern-
7 ment;

1 (2) expresses its profound sorrow at the death and
2 wounding of these people and extends its deepest sym-
3 pathy to the families of the deceased;

4 (3) urges the Secretary of State, the Secretary of
5 Defense, the Director of Central Intelligence, the Ad-
6 ministrator of the Agency for International Develop-
7 ment, and all other Cabinet members whose people
8 were among the dead and wounded to schedule and
9 hold memorial or other commemorative ceremonies as
10 appropriate to honor the victims; and

11 (4) accords its respect and gratitude, on behalf of
12 the American people, to the memory of the Americans
13 who sacrificed their lives for the noble cause of peace
14 in the Middle East.

15 SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a
16 copy of this resolution to the families of the deceased Ameri-
17 cans and to the wounded Americans.

18 SEC. 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a copy of
19 this resolution to the families of the deceased Lebanese em-
20 ployees of the United States Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon,
21 and to the wounded Lebanese employees.

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Senate

CONDOLENCES TO THE VICTIMS OF THE U.S. EMBASSY BOMB- ING IN BEIRUT

Mr. GOLDWATER. Mr. President, I send to the desk a Senate resolution. The purpose of this resolution is to deplore the recent bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, and to express the sorrow and condolences of the Senate on the death and wounding of Americans caught in this bombing.

Mr. President, I am sure that most of my colleagues are aware that on April 18, 1983, the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon, was the target of a car-bomb attack. While we do not yet have all the facts on the matter, it is clear that a great many people were killed and wounded in this brutal and cowardly act. Among the dead were many Americans, most of them assigned to the U.S. Embassy on official business. Many local Lebanese employees of the Embassy were also killed and wounded.

Mr. President, every year the United States of America dispatches loyal and patriotic citizens abroad to serve on what are often difficult and dangerous missions for our Government. These people would include diplomatic, military, intelligence, and other personnel. The President of the United States provides these people their missions, and the Congress funds their activities.

How often we forget that simply being an American official abroad is a dangerous undertaking. How often we forget the routine stresses and strains to which these people are subjected. The attack on the U.S. Embassy in Beirut is but the most recent graphic reminder to all of us of the sacrifice these patriotic Americans are daily prepared to make to their country in the cause of peace and freedom.

Mr. President, my resolution is a simple testament by the U.S. Senate to the memory of these Americans who have sacrificed their lives for the cause of peace in the Middle East. It expresses profound sorrow at the death and wounding of these people, and extends condolences to the families of the deceased.

I urge all my colleagues to support this resolution and to work for its speedy passage by the U.S. Senate.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the resolution may be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the resolution was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. RES. 116

Whereas on April 18, 1983, the United States Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon, was the target of a brutal and cowardly terrorist attack, which resulted in scores of dead and wounded, including the death of many Americans, most of whom were employed by the United States Government;

Whereas the members of the American Foreign Service, including people assigned from the diplomatic, military, intelligence, and other communities, are often exposed to extremely hazardous conditions in the performance of their duties;

Whereas the members of such communities assigned to Lebanon were dedicated to and worked for the pursuit of peace in the Middle East;

Whereas the American people have been extraordinarily patient in supporting their Government's peace initiatives in Lebanon; and

Whereas this is one of those critical moments in the history of the United States when the American people are united in their grief and must be united in their resolve: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) deplores the brutal and cowardly bombing of the United States Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon, on April 18, 1983, which resulted in scores of dead and wounded, including the death of many Americans, most of whom were employed by the United States Government;

(2) expresses its profound sorrow at the death and wounding of these people and extends its deepest sympathy to the families of the deceased;

(3) urges the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, the Director of Central Intelligence, and all other Cabinet Members whose people were among the dead and wounded to schedule and hold memorial or other commemorative ceremonies as appropriate to honor the victims; and

(4) accords its respect and gratitude, on behalf of the American people, to the memory of the Americans who sacrificed their lives for the noble cause of peace in the Middle East.

Sec. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the families of the deceased Americans and to the wounded Americans.

Mr. GOLDWATER. Mr. President, I thank both leaders very much for having allowed me this time, and I yield the floor.